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Letter dated 7 March 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the statement made by the spokesman for the Strategic Force of the Korean People's Army of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 5 March 2014 with regard to provocations made by the United States of America over the recent self-defensive rocket-launch drills of the Strategic Force of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement made by the spokesman for the Strategic Force of the Korean People's Army on 5 March 2014

Pyongyang, 5 March 2014 (Korean Central News Agency (KCNA)): Units of the Strategic Force of the Korean People's Army successfully conducted rocket-launching drills from 21 February to 4 March 2014 according to the regular training plans of fire power units.

The rockets made the safest flights without the slightest deviation northeastward from the launching points and accurately struck the targets in the designated waters, demonstrating the highest-ever rate of hits.

The drills were smoothly conducted with no slight impact not only on regional peace and security but on the international navigation order and ecological environment, since they were based on a scientific calculation of the whole course of the rocket-launching and the scrupulous advance security measures for flight orbit and targets in the designated waters, in particular.

In a statement issued on 5 March, the spokesman for the Strategic Force of the Korean People's Army blasted the United States of America and its allies for misbehaving, steeped in enmity towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, resorting to a malignant smear campaign from the moment its rockets soared into the sky, and clarified the following principled stand of the Force:

1. The United States and its followers should not dare make much fuss, terming the just rocket-launching drills of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea "provocation" and "threats".

As far as provocation is concerned, it is the brigandish Key Resolve and Foal Eagle joint military exercises kicked off by the United States against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and base remarks made by such a guy as United States Secretary of State Kerry, who labelled the Democratic People's Republic of Korea "closest closed country", "evil place" and "country of evil".

It is the brazen-faced judgement of American style to label the just self-defensive drills in one's own land as "provocation" and it is the shameless standard of American style to describe its war exercises for aggression to serve a sinister purpose in the land of another country as "defensive" and "annual".

The United States and its followers should bear in mind that if their reckless provocation against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea goes beyond the tolerance limit, its defence rockets in the process of drills will lead to a retaliation of the most powerful attack rocket-launching in a moment.

2. The United States and its followers should no longer resort to such a foolish act as escalating tensions under the pretext of the rocket-launching of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Whenever an opportunity presented itself, the United States has deliberately screwed up and escalated the situation on the Korean peninsula under the groundless pretext.

In recent years alone, the United States termed the satellite launch of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea "a missile launch" and fabricated United Nations resolutions on "sanctions", bringing the situation to the brink of war.

This time, too, it is seeking to opt for such a reckless way as escalating tensions again, vociferating about "such sanctions as those against Iran" and "more stringent blockade" under the pretext of the rocket-launching drills of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

It was prompted by the United States displeasure with recent signs of the north-south dialogue and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea-Japan contact thanks to the positive steps of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The United States should clearly realize that its acts of kicking off frantic war manoeuvres for aggression and aggravating the situation under the pretext of the regular rocket-launching drills of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea can neither work nor be overlooked.

3. The United States and its followers should not dare let loose foolish sophism persistently taking issue with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea over its nuclear issue with its rocket-launching drills as momentum.

The United States is now spreading rumours that it "does not recognize not only the rocket launch of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea but its access to nuclear weapons", "the south-north relations can be mended only when the north dismantles its nuclear weapons first" and "the United States-north dialogue and the United States-north relations are possible only when the north moves first".

This is rather an absurd jargon than ignorance.

The nuclear force of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is by no means something to which it had access in the hope of "recognition" by the United States and its followers.

It is the self-defensive treasured sword to defend the whole Korean nation and preserve the regional peace and security from the increasing nuclear threats and blackmail of the United States.

Nothing is more serious miscalculation than to assert that the nuclear deterrence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea exists if anyone recognizes it and disappears if anyone does not recognize it.

The United States had better coolly judge the situation and drop the bad habit of deliberately taking issue with others.